

Survey No. F-8-116  
John Garber Farmstead  
Johnsville, Maryland  
Private.

Ca. 1810-Ca. 1940

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont  
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery  
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:  
Rural Agrarian Intensification 1680-1815 A.D.  
Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870 A.D.  
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930 A.D.  
Modern Period 1930-Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:  
Agriculture  
Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning

Resource Type:  
Category: Building

Environment: Rural

Function & Use: Domestic/single dwelling/residence  
Domestic/single dwelling/kitchen  
Agriculture/Subsistence/processing  
Agriculture/Subsistence/animal facility/barn  
Agriculture/Subsistence/storage/granary

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☒ no

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic John Garber Farmstead

and/or common

### 2. Location

street &amp; number 11928 Beaver Dam Road

☐ not for publication

city, town Johnsville

☒ vicinity of

congressional district 6th

state Maryland

county Frederick

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Dean R. Pennington

street &amp; number 11928 Beaver Dam Road

telephone no.:

city, town Union Bridge, MD 21791

state and zip code

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse

liber 1037

street &amp; number 100 W. Patrick St.

folio 517

city, town Frederick,

state MD 21701

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent

☒ good

☐ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 12

(Typed on separate sheet)

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** Ca. 1810–Ca. 1940 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒A ☐B ☒C ☐D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐A ☐B ☐C ☐D ☐E ☐F ☐G

Level of Significance: ☐national ☐state ☒local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Bond, Isaac, Map of Frederick County, 1858

Land Records of Frederick County

Titus, C.O., Atlas of Frederick County, 1873

Williams, T.J.C., & Folger McKinsey, History of Frederick County, 1910; reprinted by Regional Publishing Co., Baltimore, 1979, p. 1219

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Union Bridge, MarylandQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Concurrent with Tax Map 35, Parcel 141

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyororganization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept date June, 1991street & number 12 E. Church St. telephone 301-696-2958city or town Frederick, state MD 21701

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## 7.1 Description

The John Garber Farmstead is an agricultural complex consisting of a brick dwelling house built about 1810-1815 with four domestic outbuildings which range in date from contemporary with the house to the first quarter of the 20th century and seven agricultural outbuildings including a frame and stone bank barn built possibly in the third quarter of the 19th century, and a stone lime kiln probably built in the middle third of the 19th century. The farmstead is located on the north side of Beaver Dam Road in an area of small farms and single residences about 1/4 mile east of Beaver Dam Creek near Johnsville, Maryland. The farm is closely sited near the road and the main house is about 20 feet north of the road on a slight incline. The outbuildings are grouped just north of the house and west of the domestic group. The lime kiln is located about 40 yards north of the rest of the group across an open pasture at the base of a rock cliff.

The dwelling house has two stories and a gable roof with its ridge at right angle to the road. Its principal elevation faces east. It has four bays in a flemish bond wall. The other elevations are in 5-course American bond. The bays on the east elevation are irregular, with four complete bays and an extra window opening on the first story. Two doorways are present, one in the north bay and one in the approximate center of the house. This may indicate two building periods, but no other evidence to support this has been documented. A shed porch extends across the elevation on the first story, with chamfered double posts; it appears to be an alteration of the mid 19th century. The doorways and windows have plain architrave trim with header jack arches. The doors are 6 panels with modern storm doors, 4-light transoms and plain lintels. The windows are 1/1 and louvered shutters flank the windows on the second story. The roof is standing seam tin with a modern dormer in the east side, just north of center. The side elevations have two bays and interior end chimneys. On the north elevation, the stone foundation is exposed and rehabilitation work is underway. A sliding glass door has been installed in the northeast corner of the basement level. At the time of survey, scaffolding is in place and repointing appears to be in progress. In each gable end elevation, there are two small square attic level windows with four lights each. The west elevation is dominated by a one story enclosed porch across the entire first level. It has eight 6/6 windows and is covered with brick-patterend composition siding. This addition appears to date from the early 20th century. On the second story are two windows with 1/1 sash and louvered shutters.

### Domestic Outbuildings:

**Garage:** Immediately north of the house is a frame garage with a side shed and vertical siding. The roof has collapsed on the shed section. The remaining roof is corrugated metal. The garage appears to date from about 1910.

**Summer kitchen:** This is a frame, german sided rectangular building located about 20 yards north of the house. It was probably built in the last quarter of the 19th century. The interior is deteriorated, with the brick ruin of the fireplace on the west end of the building. The standing seam tin roof has evidence of a chimney opening which is now covered over. The single door is in the center of the south elevation. Two window openings without complete sash are located on the north elevation.

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## 7.2 Description (continued)

**Springhouse ruin:** The stone walls of a springhouse are located immediately north east of the summer kitchen. The spring has saturated the ground around both structures. The walls of the springhouse are partially deteriorated, but the structure had a gable roof and a three-bay south elevation with a center entry flanked by windows.

**Privy:** This is a square frame building with a corrugated metal shed roof and tongue and groove siding. The door is missing. Located near a corn crib in the agricultural outbuilding group, the privy, built in the last quarter of the 19th century, was probably moved from its original location nearer the house at an unknown date.

### AGRICULTURAL OUTBUILDINGS:

**Pull-through corn crib:** This is a double-sided corn crib built about the last quarter of the 19th century. It has vertical siding and a shed for equipment on the north elevation. The standing seam roof is deteriorated and original shingles are visible. The corn crib is now used for storage.

**Single corn crib:** This single rectangular corn crib is located near the access road into the farmstead in a logical location for wagon or other vehicular convenience. It has open horizontal siding and a corrugated metal shed roof. It was probably built in the middle third of the 19th century and is now overgrown by vegetation.

**Bank barn:** The barn has a stone base and a vertical sided frame upper structure. It is sited at a diagonal to the road with the ramp on the southwest elevation. The forebay on the northeast elevation is partially enclosed, undoubtedly for a milking parlor. This is a typical alteration of the 1930's due to government regulation of the dairy industry. The frame section has decorative vent panel surrounds on all elevations. The roof is both standing seam tin and corrugated metal.

**Milk house:** A concrete block, one story square building with frame gables and a standing seam tin roof is located on the south gable end of the bank barn. It probably dates from the 1930's and is another aspect of dairy regulation of the time.

**Silo:** A concrete panel silo stands near the southwest corner of the bank barn. It appears to be a 1940's structure.

**Tractor shed:** This is a frame building with a standing seam gable roof and vertical siding. It is located near the road and has a lift-up type garage door on its south elevation, indicating a change in use in recent years. It was probably built in the first quarter of the 20th century.

**Lime kiln:** The kiln is barely visible under heavy vegetation on the cliffside north of the farmstead, but is more easily seen during the winter. It has two arched openings at the base of a rubble stone stack built into the south side of the rock outcrop. The arches are outlined with three courses of header brick. The kiln may have been built in the middle third of the 19th century.



## 8.1 Significance

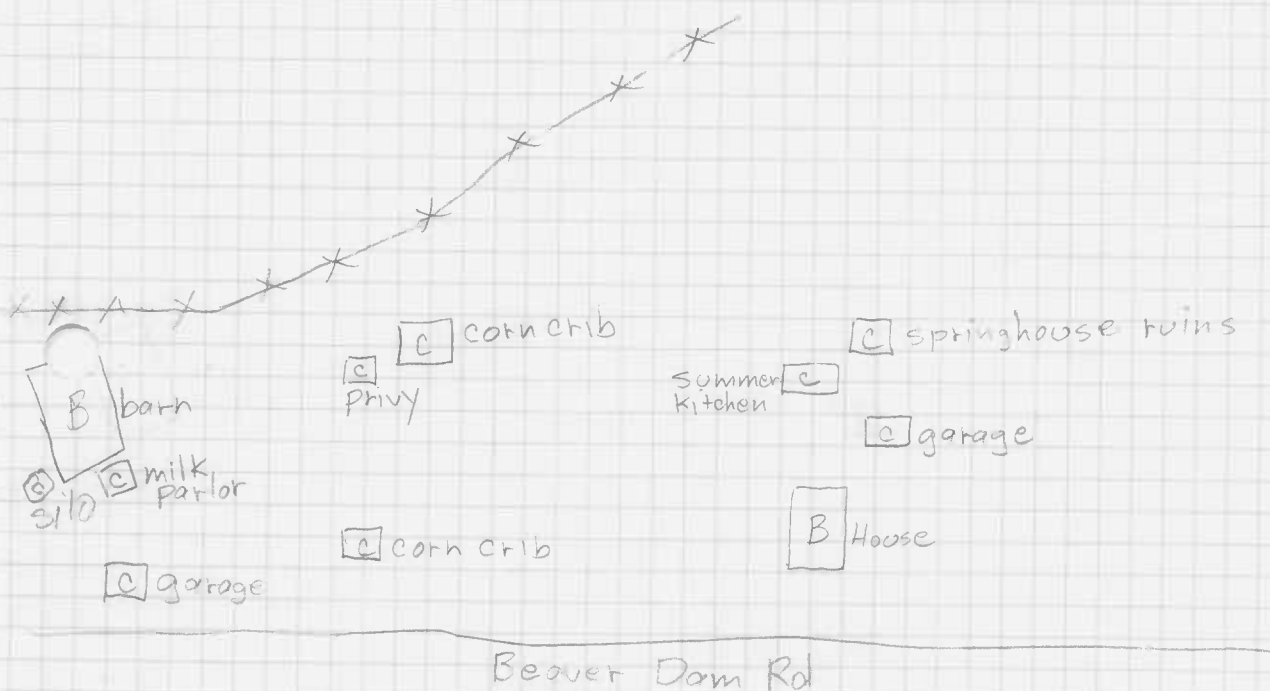
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The Garber Farmstead is not as well-preserved as some other farmsteads of the same type in Frederick County; however, it has an adequate variety of structures to illustrate the transition from early farm to modern farm. The presence of the lime kiln within clear view of the main farmstead group is unusual, if not rare. More research in Frederick County will reveal its true significance. The bank barn is architecturally typical of the German bank barn type in the middle third of the 19th century. The brick dwelling house needs further research to place in proper context. It is at least a good representative of brick masonry techniques of the first quarter of the 19th century.

John Garber was the purchaser of the property in 1813 in a transaction which did not mention improvements. By 1829, the house surely existed in some form when the farm was sold to Solomon Garber. Garber family members were prominent in the affairs of the Beaver Dam German Baptist Church and many of the houses along Beaver Dam Road in the vicinity of the Garber Farmstead as shown on the 1873 C.O. Titus Map of Frederick County were owned by the family. The area was known as "Garberstown". Most of the houses no longer exist. W. Ogle, the occupant in 1873, may have been a tenant as his name does not appear in the land records for the Garber Farmstead.

A  
lime kiln

pasture



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Frederick County

Janet Davis

June 25, 1991

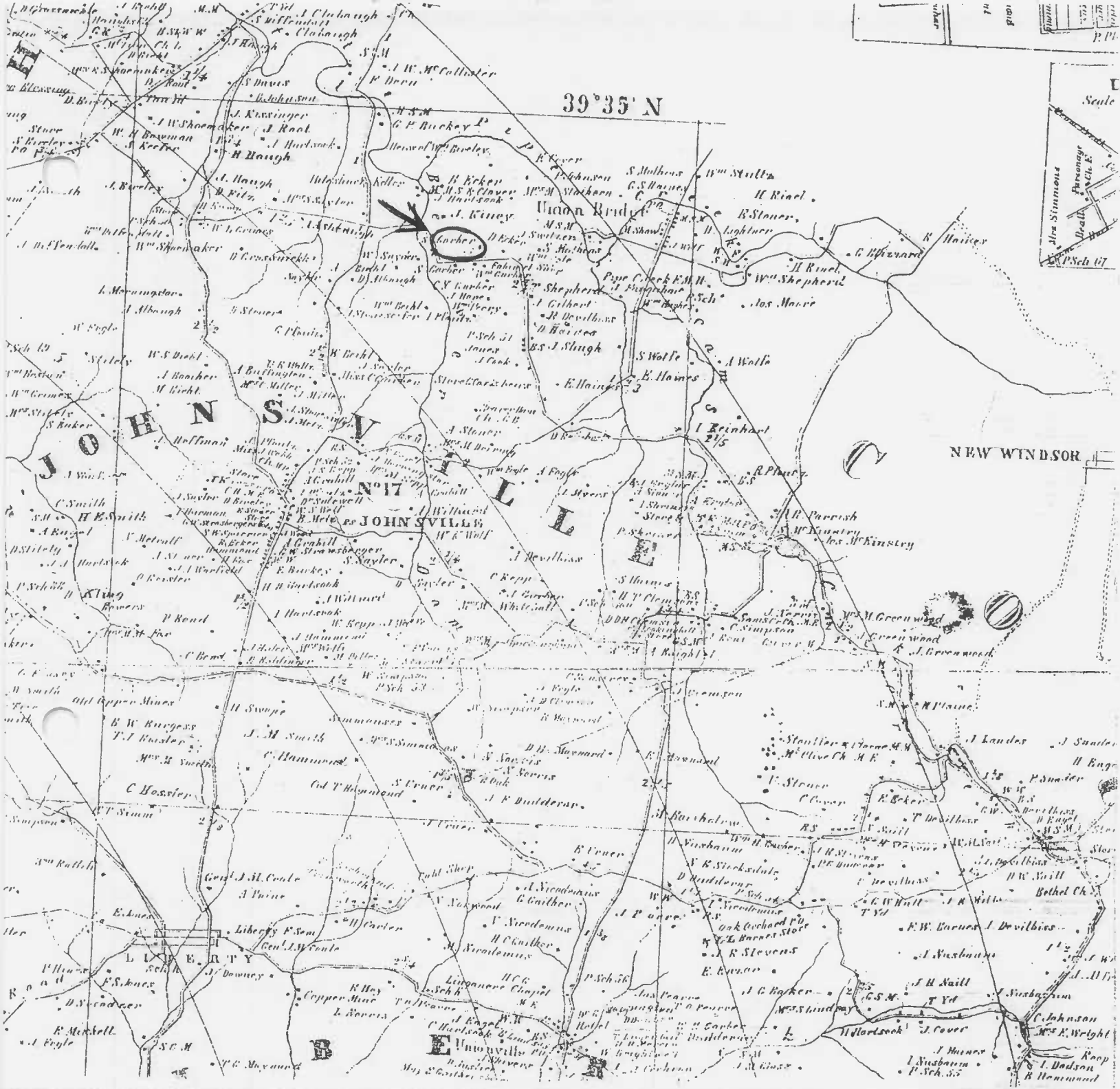
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LIBER/FOL.	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
1037/517 7 Dec 77	Dean R. Pennington & Martha A. Pennington, wife	Alfred H. Kueck	66.380 Q.		
1036/435 28 Mar 77	Alfred H. Kueck	Alfred H. Kueck & Aleksy Sychnowicz	66.380 Q.		
ECW 621/530 27 Jul 59	Alfred H. Kueck & Aleksy Sychnowicz	Walter F. Kifer, widower	Refs. JWLC 2/685 11 Jul 1865 Samuel Barber to Christian Repp		
ECW 455/130 22 Jun 46	Walter F. Kifer	Frank Hartsock & Anna E. Hartsock, wife			
WB 302/446 31 Dec 12	Frank Hartsock & Anna E. Hartsock	J. Hamilton Repp (sic) (formerly Repp)		\$5800	
Will Record J. L. Mc. 1/385	J. Hamilton Repp	Christian Repp		135 Q.	
JWLC 2/685 24 June 1865	Christian Repp	Joseph Davis, trustee for insolvent petitioner Samuel Barber	Sale took place 22 Apr 1863 "Friendship"	\$7492.50	
<del>35</del> 31/485 27 Mar 1829	<del>Samuel Barber</del> John Barber (Solomon devised to Samuel)	John Barber		\$2400	

11928 Beauvoir Campd. - 2

LIBER/FOL.	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
43/584 <del>1-000-1812</del> 11 Feb 1813	John Garber Garver (sic)	Daniel Reinhart & John Messler (sp.) executors for Adam Gollemor		\$5230.74 1/2	

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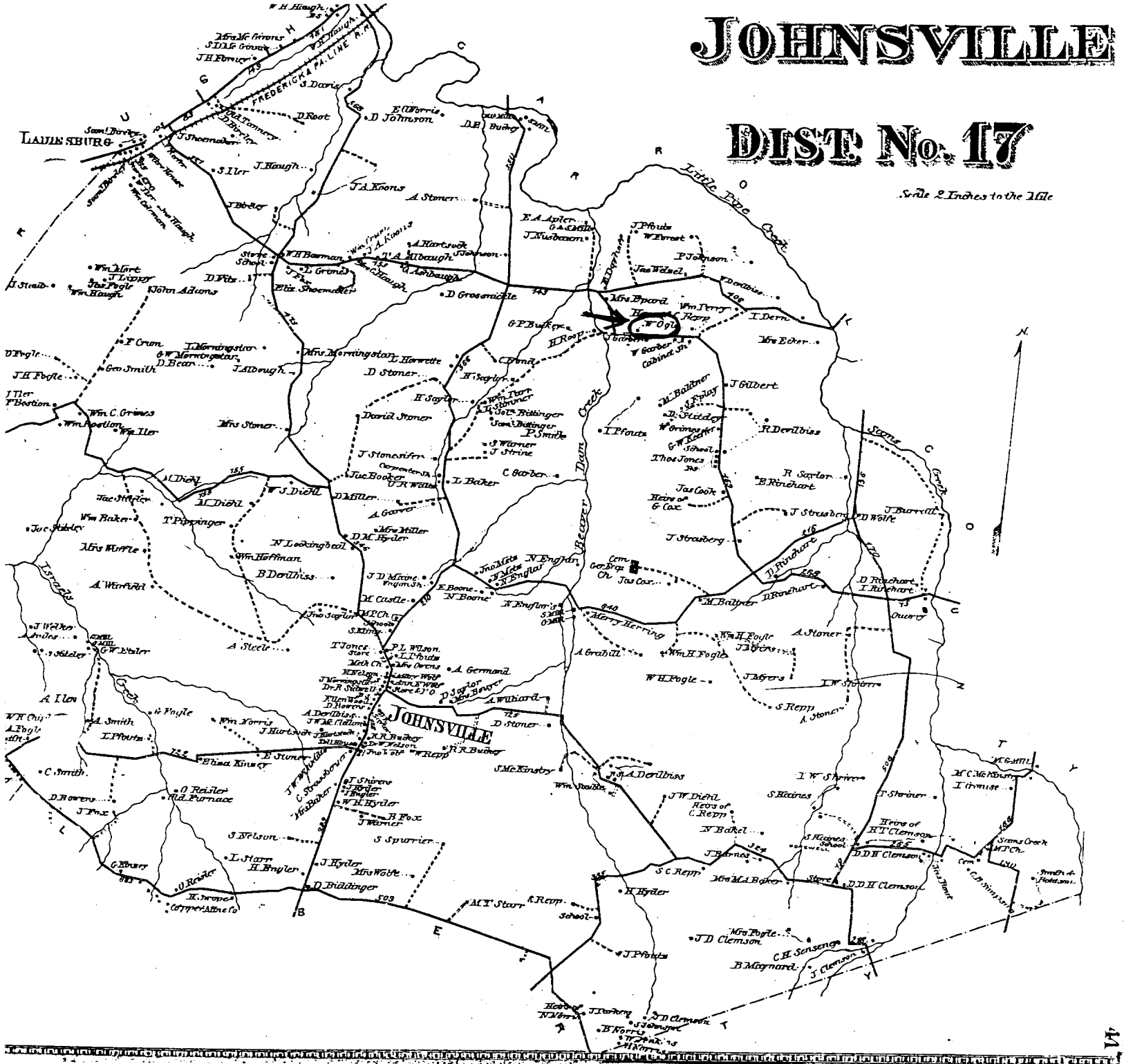
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Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick County, 1858

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Scale 2 Inches to the Mile



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East elevation

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North elevation

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Springhouse ruin and partial view of summer  
Kitchen, from north

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Bank born, east elevation

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

Corn crib and privy, west elevation

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Lime Kiln, south elevation

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